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In re Application of: :  
Goldstein :  
Application No.: 09/935,510 :  
Filed: August 23, 2001 :  
For: HEARING AIDS BASED ON :  
MODELS OF COCHLEAR COMPRESSION :  
USING ADAPTIVE COMPRESSION :  
THRESHOLDS :

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 (c), filed December 10, 2001 to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

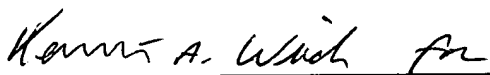
A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, IV must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's statement that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a birth certificate, Julius L. Goldstein, showing that applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file will be forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

  
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